GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1663
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REPAIR OF BRIDGE ON N.H. - 125
Khanduri AVSM,Maj.Gen.(Retd.) Bhuwan Chandra

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that a portion of the bridge built on Kailash river between Sitarganj Khateema road on National Highway No.125 in the Udhamsingh Nagar district of Uttaranchal, which was damaged a year ago, has not been repaired so far;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the time by when it will be opened for traffic;

(d) the total amount spent on it;

(e) whether the Government is also aware of the fact that a complaint has been made regarding misuse of the fund allotted for repair of the bridge;

(f) if so, the action taken in this regard;

(g) whether the Government proposes to conduct an enquiry in the said matter; and

(h) if so, the time by when the said enquiry is likely to be conducted?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The abutment on Khatima side portion of bridge on river Kailash between Sitarganj and Khatima was damaged last year before the road was entrusted as National Highway to the State Government in November 2004. For immediate restoration of traffic, the State PWD constructed a diversion on the downstream side of the bridge, which was washed away during the rains this year. However, in the meantime the State PWD has erected a Bailey bridge over the damaged abutment portion and the bridge has been opened to traffic. The cost of the temporary restoration is around Rs. 60.00 lakhs. The cost of the permanent restoration including the construction of the abutment will be around Rs. 103.00 lakhs, for which estimate has already been sanctioned by the Ministry.

(e) to (h) No such complaint has been received so far.